

# Dead Prez Lyrics

## "Refuse To Lose"

*[Chorus]*

I got so much trouble on my mind

refuse to lose

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(it's just energy man)

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(it's electric)

I'm caught up in this untouchable mentality

as a man thinkin it becomes his reality

I used to let stress build up until I learned

that stress'll eat your insides up like worms

see worry is the cousin of death

thinkin negative you might as well go ahead and bury yourself

I was taught by the struggles of life to be strong

like ian, you hafta have the heart of a lion

I been through my share of this hell, but still I rise

many days didn't know what to do

but we survived

every struggle is a test, a lesson

you just gotta figure out how to overcome and catch the blessin

they want us to turn to dope and lose all hope

spirit broke and confused

but I refuse to lose

through fear, through pain, through loss

I can't stop

won't stop

till we make it to the tip top

this is hip hop

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(I, I will not lose)

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ay yo, failure ain't an option it's a death sentence

you can't survive without no food that ain't no sustenance

plus when it's crunch time

back on the wall

life on the line

before you lose your balance and fall  
you will find that it's an instinct  
act first and then think  
second law of nature, self preservation  
move without reservation  
no hesitation when it comes to me and mine  
do you come from that design or do your compass need alignment?  
I'm mercenary  
My assignment?  
kill or be killed, a sin or a skill?  
however you define it  
a sa siembra victoria  
revolutionary propaghanda intended to raise warriors  
ain't nothin like this world crisis  
the price of life is measured by the lifeless  
it's brutal but I fight this  
supply, demand, inflation rises  
we can't afford the rice  
there's nothing to eat  
I know it's hard to digest

*[Chorus]*

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(I, I will not lose)  
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they say the best revenge: success and living well  
no more throwin them coins down in that wishing well  
go out and get your own  
we all reap what we sow  
the end is all on you  
what you gonna do?

I got bass strong enough to cut through a coal mine  
hold a goal in my mind till I reach the gold mine  
overtime grind  
with no days off  
but ain't nothin like the feelin when it all pays off  
all it take is the thought of my son for motivation  
long as I'm alive you can't break my dedication  
family first  
everything real in the field  
it's a cold game  
life don giva fuck how you feel  
we live in a material world or so it seems  
but I ain't got nothin to lose but bad dreams  
when I woke up I was already 17  
but I was determined to break the cycles I'd seen

when I learned that the blood in my veins came from kings  
it curdled, when I looked at the present day scene  
but the same pressure that turned my brother to a fiend  
I face it, embrace it and convert it into steam

*[Chorus]*

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I refuse to lose

(I, I will)

(I, I will not)